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Dear Dr. Green,

I am enclosing a writeup relating basic information on my parents hopefully for inclusion in a Heber First Ward History book. Also enclosed are copy machine samples of some of the pages from our family album originally developed by my mother and then maintained and expanded by brother John, now living in Benjamin south of Provo.

I would drive to Heber City and meet with you for a review of what is available in the book plus plus some loose pictures I have. I amssure You would understand my brother's and the family's reluctance to leave the book with other than family members. Hopefully you would have access to photo copying from the book of a quality suitable for your use that could be done while I am there.

At this time it appears a day after May 8 would be most convenient for me to spend a day in the valley. I could probably make it during late April if your time schedule is pressing.

Best regards,

*George W. McDonald*

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## Andrew and Elizabeth Thatcher McDonald

Andrew McDonald was born January 16, 1870, the seventh of thirteen children of John and Mary Lucinda Cole McDonald. Andrew's early childhood was spent on the farm, performing related chores, attending school in the winter and riding horses and herding cattle during the summer. His father built the family home at 390 North Main Street in about 1874. The two story structure has been renovated and currently serves as the office location of Coldwell Banker Realty. Also a barn was built adjacent to the home which for many years was one of the largest of its kind in the valley. Andrew's mother died during childbirth February 16, 1882 when he was 12 years old.

Andrew left the farm in 1890 to live in Park City and work in the Ontario Mine. In 1894 he traveled to California where he attended the San Francisco Mid-winter World's Fair, located and visited with his father's brother, Robert, and then south to Los Angeles for a two day stay. He returned via San Bernadino where he visited with his mother's father and other family members. He resumed his employment in Park City until 1898 when he returned to Heber City to assist his father with the farm. He invested savings from his earnings in cattle. Thereafter, he engaged in farming, livestock raising and in the buying and selling of cattle.

Andrew and his father lived together in the family home until Andrew married Elizabeth A. Thatcher of Provo November 5, 1906. They continued to live at the John McDonald home until after the birth of their first son, A. Melvin, May 8, 1908. Andrew purchased the home at 291 East 3rd North and the one acre of property. He renovated the house which was then occupied by the family. Andrew was ordained an Elder October 11, 1909 and he and Elizabeth were sealed in the Salt Lake Temple October 13, 1909.

Elizabeth A. Thatcher was born in Provo February 29, 1872, the daughter of George and Mary Reese Thatcher. She was the fifth child of a family of fourteen. She could recall nothing but joy and happiness in her early childhood years, playing with her five sisters, three older and two younger. Her favorite activities were playing school and reciting pieces at Sunday School and Primary that her father taught her.

In 1891 she received a Primary Certificate from Brigham Young Academy and in 1893 she qualified for a teaching certificate to teach kindergarten. She had the experience of a pioneer school during the winter of 1893-94 teaching in a log school house on the Provo bench. In 1894 she began teaching in the Provo School System and continued for nine years. She then left Provo and taught one year in Heber City. She taught in Provo two more years. She served in many Church callings during this period including first counselor in the Provo Second Ward Young Women's Mutual Improvement Association for a number of years. She continued her education and received a special certificate from Brigham Young Academy in elocution. She achieved some prominence as a reader and as an actress in theatrical performances both in her ward and in Provo City. This reputation was also established in Heber Valley where she frequently was requested to perform.

Andrew and Elizabeth were the parents of six children: A. Melvin (1908), LaMar T. (1909), Ralph (still born 1912), Alda (1913), John E. (1916), and George W. (1917). Andrew was a cattle buyer for Standard Packing Company for a number of years. He established an excellent rapport with those involved in the raising of cattle throughout Utah and those involved in the meat processing in the Los Angeles area including the stockyards and meat packing companies. He excelled in the ability to evaluate the quality and value of the cattle offered for sale. He demonstrated honesty and fairness in all his dealings. He engaged in the purchase of cattle on speculation for sale in Los Angeles until the Great Depression, with its reduced values, made such ventures too risky and unprofitable.

Elizabeth was a devoted and caring wife and mother and devout member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She served on the Wasatch Stake Relief Society Board from 1916 to 1924. She served as Heber First Ward Relief Society President from 1924 to 1931. She was also involved in the

Andrew McDonald  
& Elizabeth Thatcher

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Takeen about 1939 - Photo sent to  
located in family album



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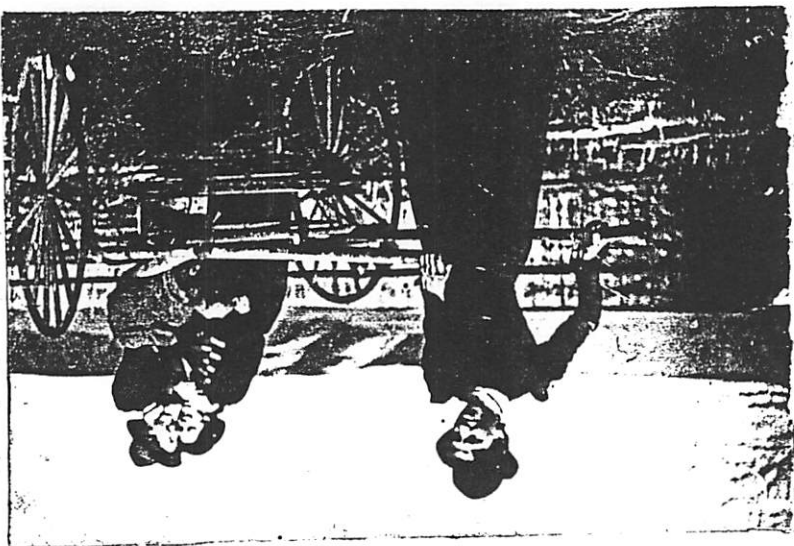
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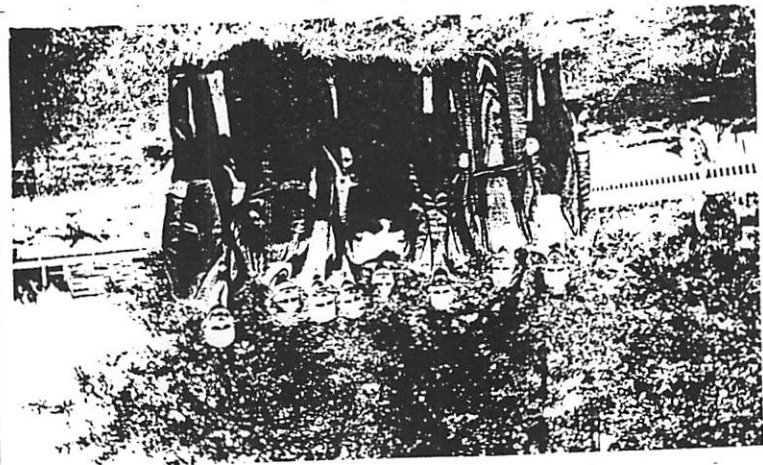
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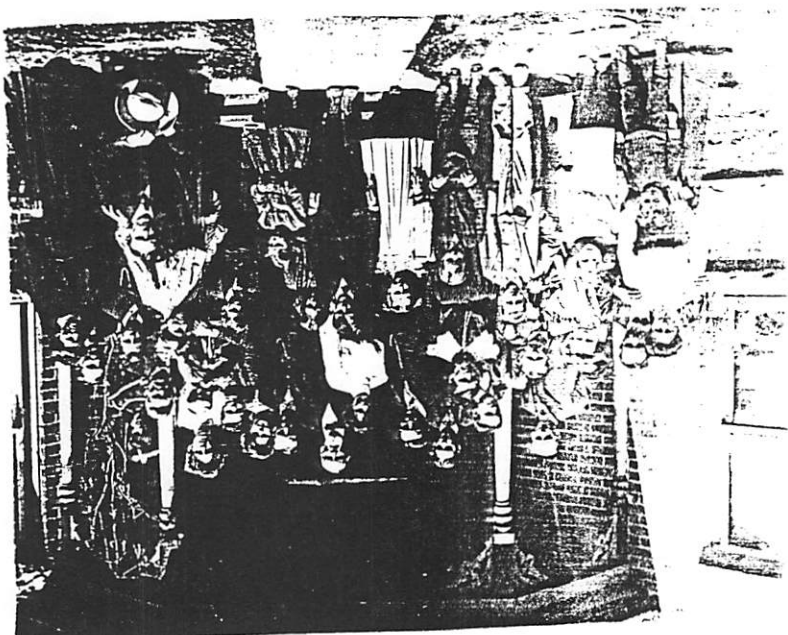
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Mc Donald family group 1903



Mc Donald family group at home of H. McDonald - Hella 1902



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McDonald family group at home of J. H. McDonald - Heber 1902.



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Heber City Teachers Who Taught in 1903

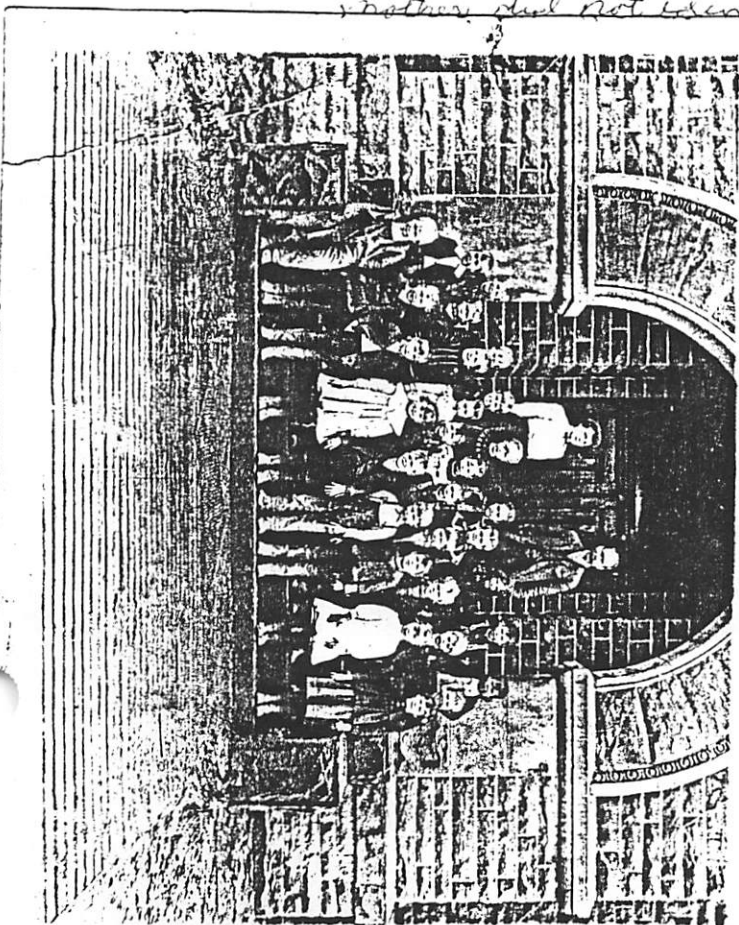


Teacher Friends of Mothers - Heber - 1898  
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Girls Mother Boarded With When She Taught School in Heber City, Utah in 1903



Mother's Class in Heber, 1903



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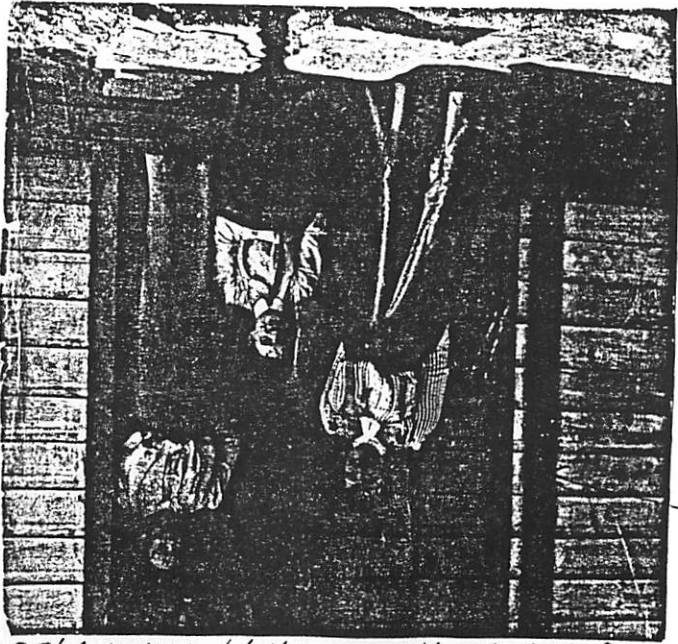


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